

# Focus on Fifth

Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade

October 19, 2015

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## Important Dates

Week of October 19 - Parent-teacher conferences

October 19-23 - Book Fair

October 22 - 11:00 dismissal

October 23 - 11:00 dismissal

October 30 - Bowling field trip

November 30 - December 1 - Outdoor Education Field Trip

## News

Parent-teacher conferences will be held this week. This Thursday and Friday are half-days. Dismissal will be at 11:00 on Thursday and Friday.

The Book Fair will be held during conference week. All money raised during the Book Fair goes directly to classrooms to support students and teachers. Please make sure to stop and shop at the Book Fair when you are here for conferences. The PTO needs volunteers for the Book Fair. Please click on this [link](#) to volunteer.

Holmes School's First Graders are planning to give back this December with the Chicago-based, nonprofit organization, *Share Your Soles*. Please help us by sending dollar donations with your child. 100% of your donations go to *Share Your Soles*. The 1st grade team will use paper shoes to represent those students who participated in the fundraiser by displaying them on the 1st floor bulletin board. Check out *Share Your Soles* here: <http://shareyoursoles.org>

On Friday, October 30, the 5th Grade will be traveling to Stardust Bowl in Addison for an afternoon of bowling/math fun. While at the alley, we will be sharpening our computation and data analysis skills while enjoying some friendly competition on the lanes. Permission slips were distributed to students today, and a copy of the permission slip is on the 5th grade wiki. The cost of this field trip is \$13. Please pay in cash, as we must pay cash to the bowling alley. This is our first Guilder activity. A student must have at least 300 Guilders in his/her account in order to be eligible to attend this field trip. Students who are not eligible will remain at school and will have an alternate assignment.

This year's Outdoor Education experience will be held on November 30 - December 1. We will be travelling to the Lorado Taft Field Center in Oregon, Illinois. Permission slips and additional information went out today. If you haven't turned in a health form, please do so ASAP. If you are interested in chaperoning this field trip, please let your child's

homeroom teacher know by October 26. Chaperones will pay the same rate as the students..

### **Typing Practice**

Students can log on to Typing Training from home to practice keyboarding skills. The Typing Training program is accessible from the District's website, and students should begin practicing keyboarding skills at home. The link is:

<http://www.op97.org/technology/Custom-Typing.cfm>

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### **SPECIAL AREA SUBJECTS- [holmesspecials.blogspot.com](http://holmesspecials.blogspot.com)**

#### **Art**

Due to assemblies, holidays and days off most students need an extra day to finish up their radial symmetry designs. We'll take this week to finish them up and begin ceramics next week! Parents and guardians, stop by the art room while you're here for conferences this week to say hi and check out your child's design.

Follow Holmes Art on Instagram: [artatholmes](https://www.instagram.com/artatholmes)

~Ms. Jones ([kjones@op97.org](mailto:kjones@op97.org))

#### **Music**

We are starting to use **Google classroom** in class for quizzes and assessments. Their recorder and voice assessments are posted. If you want a paper version of the assignment, please email me at [akaria@op97.org](mailto:akaria@op97.org). Any students who completed recorder karate last year up to the blue belt who is interested in a special recorder part on our chorus concert should come to a rehearsal Thursday at 11:45. Students do not have to be in chorus to play this recorder part.

#### **Chorus**

Chorus will be this Wednesday from 8:15-9. We will be working on our songs for November performance at the Oak Park Arms. An online permission slip has been emailed to you. If you did not receive one please email me at [akaria@op97.org](mailto:akaria@op97.org).

#### **Spanish**

In Spanish we are about to wrap up our first story, Juan el Bombero.

#### **Library, Reading Olympics**

The next Reading Olympics meeting will be Thursday, November 5th during recess. Students should be reading their books!

#### **Library**

This week we started a cross-curricular research project on freshwater and the human effect on the hydrosphere. Be sure to ask your student about the book they started reading this week, *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park. To access the articles for the research project, please go to the 5th grade library page: <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/5th-Grade.cfm>

Please email me with any questions! [mmaneck@op97.org](mailto:mmaneck@op97.org)

#### **Physical Education**

International Walk to School Day is October 7, 2015. For more details visit: [walkbiketoschool.org](http://walkbiketoschool.org)

#### **Reading/Literature**

This week in reading, we will continue working with this trimester's anchor text, *Bud, Not Buddy*. We will be focusing on identifying themes within the text and supporting a theme statement with text evidence.

Please make sure there is a parent or guardian checking, and initialing, students' reading logs each night!

### **Writing**

We will continue to work on personal narratives. Students will participate in lessons centered around the idea of showing and not telling in their writing. For example, instead of writing "*I was so mad*" and student might write "*My jaw clamped shut and my face became as red as a tomato.*" Students will also focus on maintaining first person perspective as they write.

### **Math**

We will continue to work on division with two-digit divisors. This week, we will learn two division strategies -- the area model for division and division quilts. Both of these are visual measurement models for division. At the end of the week, there will be a short quiz on division with a two-digit divisor.

### **Science**

This week, we'll be focusing on the distribution of water and how humans use water resources. We will also be graphing the amounts and percentages of water and fresh water in various reservoirs.

### **Social Studies**

In social studies we will continue to read a book called *A Long Walk to Water*. It is about Sudanese refugees and their struggle to journey to safety. Accompanying our reading this week are lessons on immigration and refugees.

### **Word Study**

We will be focusing on the Latin directional prefixes *super-* and *sur-*, meaning "on top of, over, above." Students will have their weekly word work assignment due on Friday.

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